



ONE OF THE OVERFLOW MEETINGS HELD IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD OF MADISON SQUARE GARDEN.

## THE TEST MEETING IN NEW YORK'S HISTORY.

Bryan's Candidate, Notified at Madison Square Amid a Whirlwind of Enthusiasm.

His Speech Acceptance Greeted with Shouts of Applause from Thousands on the Part of Spectators.

Arthur Sewall Formally Told of the Favor Awarded Him by the Democratic Party—Mrs. Bryan Got a Share in Her Husband's Triumph.

William Jennings Bryan, the Democratic standard-bearer, was notified last night that he had been chosen as the candidate for President in the coming year. The news was received in the Garden at 8 o'clock, and the excitement was intense. The crowd was so large that the speaker's platform was almost completely covered by the feet of the thousands of people who gathered to hear him.

The Garden was filled with the sound of cheering and the sight of waving flags. The speaker's platform was a scene of activity, with many people rushing to get a closer view of the candidate. The crowd was so dense that it was difficult to move through the aisles. The excitement was at its height when the speaker was formally notified of his nomination.

came very warm, as the crowd became greater and greater. The reserved seats were taken up in a short time, and persons who held tickets that called for them were compelled to stand in the wide space at the Fourth Avenue side of the Garden. It was a truly Democratic gathering, in sentiment and dress alike. So uncomfortable was the temperature that nearly every man took off his coat, and on each side of the hall there arose banks of white, marked here and there with black or blue, where fans fluttered like thousands of butterfly wings.

In a score of boxes were women in light summer dress and the heat in no wise affected their enthusiasm. High on the top gallery, immediately under the roof, the spectators were closely packed, but full of optimism. Policemen were plenty and they cleared the floor space with bins. James Oliver, sergeant-at-arms of the National Democratic Committee, bobbed in and out of the speakers' stand as though he felt the importance of the occasion. He was on the alert for distinguished arrivals, but he did not see Mr. and Mrs. Richard P. Blinn when they came in.

Nor did thousands of persons who were waiting for them. They entered the Garden at 8 o'clock, but with such a throng at their entrance was unobscured. With him was Colonel Joseph K. Riskey, of New York. Not so late as the other candidates, but the balcony was filled with the only parts of

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Every One Anxious to See Bryan and the Standard Bearers of the Democracy.

Police Have a Hard Struggle with the Enthusiastic and Throng—Noted Party Leaders in Madison Square Garden.

Never before in the history of the city has a crowd such as gathered outside of Madison Square Garden been assembled. From Thirtieth street on the north to Twenty-third street on the south Madison square was one packed mass of struggling, stifling men and women. The crowd extended nearly to Lexington avenue on the east.

The police arrangements called for the assembling of the different squads at 5:45 p. m. At that hour two hundred persons with white admission tickets in their hands struggled and fought before the big, barred entrance of the Garden. A half dozen speculators, many with counterfeit tickets, went back and forth. Admissions were held at \$1.50, and reserved seats at \$2 to \$10, according to the location of the seats and the appearance of the prospective customer. A pedler of lemonade camped on the corner of Twenty-sixth street and Madison avenue, while a dozen fakirs with badges sold their wares along the street.

When the police arrived this was changed. Inspector Cortright hadn't counted his men, but it was estimated he had nearly a thousand. Acting Inspector Thompson was ordered to throw a line of men from Fourth to Fifth avenue along Twenty-eighth street, while McCullagh strung 200 men from Twenty-fifth to Twenty-eighth street, along Fourth avenue. Inspector O'Keefe was ordered to police Twenty-seventh and Twenty-eighth streets. The crowd was so dense that it was difficult to move through the aisles. The excitement was at its height when the speaker was formally notified of his nomination.

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While the work was going on the crowd outside the police line to be opened until the police could clear the entrances of the Garden. When the door made for the entrance off their feet. It was like a flying wedge, and the speaker Cortright, this, and the new entrance the Garden. The rush the moon. It was people.